

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: NOVEL COPOLYMER, PHOTORESIST COMPOSITION, AND PROCESS FOR
FORMING RESIST PATTERN WITH HIGH ASPECT RATIO

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

9. (Amended) A novel copolymer according to claim 1, wherein said novel copolymer has a weight average molecular weight (Mw) in terms of polystyrene of from 7000 to 30000 and a molecular-weight distribution (Mw/Mn, where Mn is a number average molecular weight) of equal to or less than 3.5.